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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing five of these references. The relevance of these references can be seen from the International Search Report. The English abstracts for the Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed.

Please also note that enclosed are copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,619,690 and 7,039,754 and U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2001-032213 and 2003-0105767 which are English language counterparts for Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 7-73090, 2003-308241, 2001-243724 and 2003-162439 respectively.

Please note that the two enclosed technical literature publications as well as Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-29101 are discussed on page 3 of the specification.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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